

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 19-22 are pending. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the remarks.

Claims 1-15 and 19-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Behme (Laziness Happens, 1996) in view of Underwood et al. (USPN 6,601,057). The Examiner stated essentially that the combined teachings of Behme and Underwood teach or suggest all the limitations of Claims 1-15 and 19-22.

Claim 1 claims, *inter alia*, “a source of document generation control information determining a desired presentation format and content structure of a generated document; a document template generator for applying said control information in generating a template document structure comprising item locations designated for ordered data items.” Claim 13 claims, *inter alia*, “a source of document generation control information comprising an expandable document structure, said control information determining a desired presentation format and content structure of a generated document; a document template generator for expanding said expandable document structure to provide a template document structure comprising item locations designated for hierarchically ordered data items.” Claim 19 claims, *inter alia*, “receiving generation control information comprising an expandable document structure, said control information determining a desired presentation format and content structure of a generated document; expanding said expandable document structure to provide a template document structure comprising item locations designated for ordered data items.”

Behme teaches a method for automating updates of a web page, and more particularly for updating hyperlinks (see Abstract and first paragraph). Behme does not

teach or suggest a document template generator for applying said control information in generating a template document structure essentially as claimed in Claims 1 and 13 or expanding said expandable document structure to provide a template document structure, essentially as claimed in Claim 19. Behme is silent on a document template generator for applying the control information in generating a template document structure. Thus, Behme does not teach a document template generator for generating a template document structure, essentially as claimed in Claims 1 and 13 or expanding said expandable document structure as claimed in Claim 19.

Underwood teaches a method for web site generation that coordinates resources for creating, updating and maintaining the web site (see col. 3, lines 55-59). Underwood does not teach a document template generator for applying said control information in generating a template document structure essentially as claimed in Claims 1 and 13 or expanding said expandable document structure to provide a template document structure, essentially as claimed in Claim 19. Underwood teaches a site definer module for creating a site template based on “a plurality of predefined site definitions (or ‘templates’)” (see 13, lines 52-57). The predefined templates of Underwood are *selected* by a user for later customization. Underwood’s templates are not *generated* as the result of the application of control information or part of control information including an expandable document structure. Therefore, the site definer module of Underwood is not a document template generator, essentially as claimed in Claims 1, 13 and 19. Underwood fails to teach or suggest a document template generator for applying said control information in generating a template document structure essentially as claimed in Claim 1, a document template generator for expanding said expandable document structure to provide a

template document structure comprising item locations designated for hierarchically ordered data items as claimed in Claim 13, or expanding said expandable document structure to provide a template document structure, essentially as claimed in Claim 19. Thus, Underwood fails to cure the deficiencies of Behme.

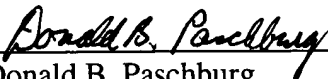
The combined teachings of Behme and Underwood fail to teach or suggest a document template generator for applying said control information in generating a template document structure essentially as claimed in Claim 1, a document template generator for expanding said expandable document structure to provide a template document structure comprising item locations designated for hierarchically ordered data items, essentially as claimed in Claim 13, or expanding said expandable document structure to provide a template document structure, essentially as claimed in Claim 19.

Claims 2-12 depend from claim 1. Claims 14 and 15 depend from Claim 13. Claims 20-22 depend from Claim 19. The dependent claims are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons given for the independent claims, respectively. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

For the forgoing reasons, the application, including Claims 1-15 and 19-22, is believed to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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